

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**China's Choice**

HOW badly does China want the Western embargo on strategic goods lifted? Badly enough to agree to an armistice in Indo-China at the present Geneva talks? It can only be a speculative question at best but according to recent reports from Peking it would seem that the Communist Party is intensifying its drive at home to expand primary production for the export market. Party cadres have apparently "convinced" farmers of the need (1) to increase production, (2) to surrender a large portion of their crops to the Government as taxation and (3) to lend the Government whatever extra crops they can for exports to enable the State to earn more foreign exchange for the industrialisation drive. It is obvious therefore that despite the apparently generous loans from Russia including skilled technicians to establish new and expand existing industries, and despite the spate of official figures flowing from Peking indicating promising increases in production in various secondary industries that the plans for industrialisation in China demand either capital or goods (or both) over and above those emanating from existing sources. And China is not the only Communist state pressing Russia for more assistance in its industrialisation plan. China's case however is different in this respect that whereas the satellites, and even Russia, have access to some Western industrial equipment—by virtue of the fact that the embargo is less stringent on the European Communist states—China at present gets nothing worthwhile from the West so complete is the United Nations' embargo on trade with that country.

SINCE America has made no secret of its intention to enforce the embargo until such time as the Chinese People's Republic gives positive evidence of its desire to live in "peaceful co-existence with the West", the most tangible approach the Chinese could make towards this end would be to agree to an armistice in Indo-China and a settlement of the Korean problem at the present Geneva conference. There is at the moment a very imminent threat of the United States implementing Mr Dulles's plan for a Southeast Asian defence alliance and its determination to proceed with this plan is apparently greater than its desire to have Great Britain as an active partner. Mr Molotov's intense hatred of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is well-known. He has been no less stubborn in his resistance to the formation of a Far Eastern defence alliance but his motives for disliking it are completely different from those of Mr Eden. However it cannot be denied that with British antipathy to the alliance (at least until the outcome of the Geneva talks is known) any Communist move towards the easing of tensions in the Far East even at this late stage could easily upset Mr Dulles's plans since it would tend to consolidate British opposition to the alliance and might leave many Americans in two minds as to the wisdom of such a move involving as it does the possible movement of more US troops to the Far East. China cannot escape the conclusion that if the alliance is formed it will be directed not so much against Communist aggression in the Far East as Chinese-backed aggression and the trade embargo will probably then be as permanent as the Communist regime in China itself.

**US AID FOR INDO-CHINA**

**DISCLOSURES**

**Eden's Private Warning To Reds**

Washington, May 23.

Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, has privately warned the Soviet and Chinese Communist Foreign Ministers at the Geneva conference not to overplay their hands or underrate the United States capacity to react with military force to the Indo-China situation, it was learned here today.

A favourable impression has been created in Eisenhower Administration circles by reports of two frank private talks in Geneva last week between Mr Eden and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Molotov, and the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, during the Indo-China phase of the Geneva Far Eastern conference.

In response to the warning, Mr Chou told Mr Eden that he was relying on Britain to prevent the United States from intervening with armed forces in Indo-China.

Mr Eden replied firmly that no such assumption was warranted and that when things came to a showdown, Britain would usually be found ending up on the side of the United States.

**EXAGGERATED**

Mr Eden is reported to have insisted in the conversation that the widely publicised divergencies between Britain and the United States over matters of organising the peace and the fundamentals of Anglo-American unity are exaggerated.

There is as yet no indication here that Mr Eden has given up his efforts to bring about a settlement acceptable to both sides.

For that reason, Britain has to date continued to remain aloof from United States efforts already under way in Washington to organise a collective security arrangement for South-east Asia.

If Britain decides in the next few weeks that the Geneva negotiations can only have a negative outcome, she will be able to join in these efforts.

Britain will then find that the preliminary spadework now in progress amongst United States, Asian and Western Pacific diplomats has cleared the way for speedier construction of an alliance with British participation.

If and when that comes, it is accepted in United States diplomatic circles that the painstaking efforts of Mr Eden will prove to have been of great value.

If the Indo-China talks fail, some Asian countries who have been reluctant to come into a Southeast Asian security arrangement until the outcome of Geneva is clearer may decide to come in.

As much Asian support as possible is necessary to remove any tinge of "colonialism" from the proposed Southeast Asian alliance in which the non-Asian great powers must inevitably play a prominent role.—Reuter.

**Riot Squads Clash With Demonstrating Youths**

Berlin, May 23.

Police riot squads today battled hundreds of hand-picked Communist youth "shock troops" in a "dress rehearsal" of a planned invasion of the three Western sectors of the city next month.

The police used fists and clubs on the Communist youths in smashing the demonstrations and arrested 140 high school and college students.

The East German authorities recruited the youths, many only teenagers, in Soviet Zone schools for the rehearsal, the police said. Many of the youths had been recruited by the Reds from towns in East Germany 50 miles outside Berlin.

The police said the students staged today's demonstration as a rehearsal of what they

**Military And Political Conditions**

Paris, May 24.

America's plan for giving aid to the French in Indo-China provides for an American Commander-in-Chief there, according to usually reliable sources here last night.

The United States plan is all cut and dried and is now in the hands of M. Joseph Laniel, the French Prime Minister.

The sources said the plan provides for the intervention of American naval and air forces and the military participation of Thailand (Siam) and the Philippines.

Political conditions include the absolute independence of the three Associated States of Indo-China—Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia—and their right to stay out of the French Union.

The present situation in Indo-China no longer seems to leave the French much choice. Direct negotiations with Ho Chi-minh, Vietnamese rebel leader, are no longer possible since his powerful Kremlin and Peking protectors have got him under their thumb in Geneva and deprived him of any power to act independently as the position is seen by observers here.

On the other hand, the simple pulling out of French troops from Indo-China is not a practical possibility even if it were desired.

This seems to leave no other way open except to fall in with the American aid plan if Geneva fails to produce a settlement of the seven-year-old war.

Meanwhile, General Paul Ely, French Chief of the General Staff, is due here today from Indo-China with his top-secret report on action necessary in the Tonkin Delta to prevent a bigger defeat than that of Dien Bien Phu.

General Ely and his advisers were rushed out by the French Government a week ago to sum up the situation.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Hints from official quarters in Cochinchina (southern Indo-China) where the highlights of the Ely report have already been received by cable, indicate that he recommends broadly:

1. Withdrawing from the scattered outposts of the Red River delta and concentrating the 80 French Union battalions inside a perimeter nearer the coast—and

2. Consolidating control of Cochinchina (southern Indo-China) with Saigon by sending another 30,000 regular troops there now stationed in Germany or North Africa.

French reports from Hanoi say that it is difficult to supply many of these outposts, some of which are manned only by Vietnamese troops of second class quality. They are faced, say these same reports, with 100,000 Vietnamese soldiers, including one first-class division.

What the fate of Hanoi, the Tonkin capital, would be if withdrawal from the delta is decided upon on General Ely's

recommendation was still not clear. Some military authorities here maintained that Hanoi cannot be defended if the delta is given up.

For the moment, military intelligence reaching the local French Commander-in-Chief, General Navarre, indicates that General Glap, the Vietnamese Commander, does not seem to be making an all-out effort to attack Hanoi before the rainy season sets in.

**REST CAMP**

The Vietminh troops in the delta have not been increased since Dien Bien Phu, according to French reports.

And General Glap is building a big rest camp at Yen Bay, 90 miles northwest of Hanoi on the main road to Yunnan (China).

This leads the French Command in Hanoi to think that General Glap's offensive against Hanoi will not come before September.

At the same time, Hanoi lies under a very serious threat and the French are by no means excluding an attack despite the rains by General Glap next month.

A withdrawal to the coastal region in Tonkin and the concentration of the main French Union forces in Cochinchina (Siam), where the Vietminh are reportedly weak, would fit in with the two possibilities now facing France in Indo-China.

If the delta were in fact abandoned and consequently left to General Glap, the Vietminh in Hanoi, it is argued in some Government quarters here, might prove less obdurate in negotiations since they would be getting some substantial part of what they are presumed to be aiming at in Geneva.

On the other hand, if the war goes on and American military forces intervene, the present concentration of existing French forces would form a favourable basis for counter-attacks against the Vietminh army.

**DIPLOMATIC VIEW**

Following Foreign Minister Georges Bidault's weekend visit here and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's talk with Premier Laniel after the Entente Cordiale lunch yesterday the impression prevailed in diplomatic quarters that the French Government now expect the situation to evolve fairly rapidly towards a so-called internationalisation of the war in Indo-China.

Some Cabinet Ministers, including Paul Reynaud, the Vice-Premier, are strongly opposed to extending hostilities, but those French politicians who feel that peace is worth a bigger price than the Americans would like to pay for it are in a difficult position.

The left-wing Radical M. Pierre Mendes France, 11 months ago made a nearly successful bid for the Premiership on a programme involving direct peace negotiations with Vietminh leader Ho Chi-minh. But today, after the rapid deterioration of the military situation, M. Mendes France is decidedly not in the running for Premier.—Reuter.

**Cambodian Town Evacuated**

Saigon, May 23.

France-Cambodian forces have evacuated Siem Pang, about 200 miles northeast of Phnompenh, the French High Command announced here tonight.

A Command spokesman said King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia yesterday decided to evacuate Siem Pang which was not under Vietminh threat or pressure, to regroup elsewhere.

Siem Pang is only 25 miles from the Laotian border. The Vietminh captured Vorun Sal, 25 miles East, early last month and have exerted pressure in Northeast Cambodia ever since.—Reuter.

**Failure Of Engines Caused Air Disaster**

Wellington, May 24.

Passengers' accounts of the airliner crash which cost the lives of three children on Saturday (May 22), indicate the engines of the National Airways Corporation Douglas aircraft failed as it came in low to land.

The three dead are Murray Sharples, aged three of Southland, New Zealand, Keith Spanhake, aged five and Lin Francis Spanhake, one and a half years of Plenty, New Zealand. Seven of the 27 passengers and crew aboard the plane are still in hospital the others were discharged after treatment.

The aircraft was approaching Paraparaumu airport, 23 miles from Wellington, in rain and low cloud when the engine appeared cut out, said 20-year-old Michael John Sharrow of Christchurch. "Just before we hit the ground, the port engine picked up again, causing the plane to tilt sharply. We flew around and hit the ground."

**FULL OF SMOKE**

William George Jordan, also from Christchurch, said that immediately after the impact, the plane was full of black smoke and the passengers had to get out or smother. Passengers could not open the door. It was opened from the outside by helpers who arrived quickly on the scene.

Another passenger said he believed the children who lost their lives were not strapped in and were stunned or killed by the crash.

Senior Captain W.B. Pettit, AFC, Commander of the plane, has flown more than a million miles since he joined the Corporation in 1947. He served six and a half years with the RNZAF during and after World War II.

Minister in charge of Civil Aviation, Mr MacDonald, announcing on the night of May 23 there would be a Court of Inquiry into the crash, paid tribute to Captain Pettit saying "everyone I have spoken to connected with the accident has stressed the way in which he acted. He did really a good job."

Captain Pettit is still in hospital with burns and shock. His condition is reported as fair.—Reuter.

**42 TERRORISTS SLAIN**

Nairobi, May 23.

Forty-two terrorists were killed in engagements with security forces in the last 24 hours, East Africa headquarters announced today.

Twenty-six of them fell in a running battle between a large gang and police and troops a few miles south of Nairobi, one of the most active centres of the Mau Mau country, north of Nairobi.

Two other terrorists in the operation were captured or wounded and a further 20 suspected Mau Mau associates were detained.—Reuter.



Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh drive in a State Landau, escorted by a Sovereign's escort of the Household Cavalry, from Buckingham Palace to the Mansion House to attend a welcome home luncheon given by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Bowater. Picture above the State Landau passing through Fleet Street on route to the luncheon.—Associated Press Photo.

**McCarthy's "Legion Of False Statements"**

Washington, May 23.

The foreign aid chief, Mr Harold Stassen, said today that adoption of Senator Joseph McCarthy's East-West trade policies would leave the United States standing alone and make World War III "more inevitable".

He said America's allies had co-operated fully in a strict ban on the shipment of strategic war materials to Red China, the Soviet Union and Communist bloc nations. He said they needed trade in peaceful goods to bolster their economies.

Mr Stassen was asked on the CBS television programme "Men of the Week" about Senator McCarthy's charge last week that it was "criminal folly" for the Eisenhower Administration to grant aid to friendly foreign nations which trade with the Communists.

He repeated his accusation that the Wisconsin Republican Senator uttered a "legion of false statements" in his Senate speech. Mr Stassen said a ban on US aid to foreign countries would be "unrealistic" and leave this country to face the Communist menace alone.

Asked if the Administration were ready for a showdown with Senator McCarthy, Mr Stassen said his aim in answering the Senator was to keep the record straight and prevent distortions.

Mr Stassen replied sharply to Senator McCarthy after the Senate speech on Thursday. He elaborated today and stated flatly that all this country's allies had abided by the ban on strategic trade with the Communists.

Mr Stassen said Britain, Japan and other free nations traded with the Reds because they needed the trade and the peace—aid goods involved. He said the United States "banned" all trade with the Chinese Communists because this country did not need any of the goods.

**Four Criminals Escape**

Little Rock, Arkansas, May 23.

A nationwide alert was broadcast today for four dangerous criminals, including a murderer and a narcotics addict, who escaped from an Arkansas State institution after overpowering three guards.

The four men used handmade weapons to subdue the guards and then ran down a fire escape last night.

Three of the men jumped into a grey pick-up truck which later was found abandoned in Little Rock. The fourth fled on foot as an alarm was sounded.—United Press.

**Repatriation Of Dien Bien Phu Wounded**

**NEW SYSTEM TO BE TESTED**

Hanoi, May 24.

The French command announced it hoped to be able to evacuate a total of about 130 wounded from Dien Bien Phu today.

A test relay system will be set up at Muong Sai, about 80 miles from Dien Bien Phu, from which point the wounded will be transported to Luang Prabang, or directly to Hanoi by Dakota aircraft. The total number of wounded evacuated so far has now climbed to 291, of which 150 were evacuated on May 20, 17 on May 21, and 114 on May 22.

A military spokesman said that authorisation had been asked from the authorities in Paris to permit Nurse Genevieve de Galard, who will still be under military discipline on her return from Dien Bien Phu, to answer the questions of journalists when she arrives here. She is expected to come to Hanoi very shortly.

It was believed that a press conference would be organised when she arrives.

The spokesman said it was likely that Mademoiselle de Galard would remain in Indo-China until her auxiliary nurse contract expires.—France-Press.

**Leading Huk Woman Arrested**

Manila, May 24.

A top Huk Amazon with a price of \$5,000 on her head was captured by army troops in a surprise raid on Sunday in the village of Bulacan in Bulacan province on central Luzon.

Pretty Gloria Canlas, alias Commander Luningling, also known as "pistol-packing mama", was captured with another Huk Amazon while visiting the house of a relative.

When grilled by army investigators, Luningling reportedly said that top Communist Huk leader Jesus Laya had ordered his followers to liquidate the captured Huk leader Lalis Taruc.

It was this order that probably led Taruc to surrender, Luningling was further quoted as saying.

Taruc's trial is scheduled for tomorrow morning.—France-Press.

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# WEST FACES CRITICAL WEEK

## AT GENEVA

### Fundamental Issues On Indo-China And Korea Still Unresolved

#### Comets May Be Flying Soon

Berne, May 23. The Chief Executive of British European Airways, Mr. Peter Maasfield, said today he thought the mystery of the comet disasters would be solved very soon.

He told the annual meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland he was sure the comets would be in the air again before very long.

He predicted faster than sound passenger transport in the next ten years.

Mr. Maasfield referred to the turbo-prop "Viscount" aircraft as the "finest passenger plane in the world" and said that since their introduction the BEA had increased its traffic on the London-Zurich route alone by 118 per cent.—Reuter.

#### Who Will Succeed Gen. Franco?

Madrid, May 23. The chances of a restoration of the monarchy in Spain appear to have diminished.

That at least is the conclusion reached by usually well-informed observers following informal talks held in Madrid between Falangists and Monarchists to discuss a possible restoration.

The candidate of the "Carlist" sector of the Bourbon family, Archduke Anthony of Austria, resident in Austria, seems to have considerable support. But the Carlists claim to be the throne of the descendants of the late King Alfonso XIII, namely his son, Prince Juan, and his grandson, Prince Juan Carlos, are so strong that the adoption of a "Carlist" candidate would be difficult.

Prince Juan is not popular in Falange circles and these have criticised his recent visit abroad as a British naval unit in the Mediterranean, alleging that it was "incorrect" of him to make such a visit while the question of the forthcoming visit of Queen Elizabeth to Gibraltar was the subject of controversy between Spain and Britain.

Nor have the proposals to name the 16-year-old Prince Juan Carlos as heir to the throne instead of his 40-year-old father much way ahead.

General Francisco Franco, now 61, continues to keep a vigilant grip on the government of the land, not the problem of who shall succeed him as head of the State does not appear to be imminent. It is thought possible here that another high Army officer may eventually succeed him and not a royal personage.—China Mail Special.

Geneva, May 24. The Indo-China peace talks, deadlocked since they began a fortnight ago, resume in secret today. During these negotiations the West may have to make critical decisions.

The deadlock arose out of Communist demands that negotiations for a settlement should cover Laos and Cambodia. The Western powers stress that the Vietnamese as invaders should evacuate the two smaller Indo-Chinese states without negotiation.

But ahead of the Western nations, looms the biggest problem of all — what to do if the talks fail.

The next few days are also expected to settle the fate of the 200,000 Chinese in Indo-China and yesterday.

It is thought that Thursday may be the crucial day. This is the day when the 12th plenary session of the Korean talks is expected to be held.

The nine nations at the secret session on Indo-China today will be working from five basic points proposed by Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, on Friday.

These principles accepted by the West with reservations are:

1. Ceasefire.
2. Zonal regrouping of troops.
3. Prevention of military reinforcement.
4. Armistice control and
5. Guarantees against violation.

It was agreed to turn to armistice terms in an effort to divert the conference temporarily from the dispute over Laos and Cambodia. But there is a real risk that this method will plunge the nine nations straight back into the wrangle, delegates say.

The Communists will probably demand application of the five principles to all three Associated States for which they seek an overall settlement.

Western delegates say the West will reject this on the grounds that no regrouping of troops is called for in Laos and Cambodia since the fighting there is only against foreign invaders—the Vietnamese from Vietnam.

MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK This is the fundamental issue which has blocked all progress in the eight sessions—four plenary, four secret—held so far.

The Western nations, probably face a critical decision this week on whether to continue the talks in face of the deadlock.

Britain, playing the role of intermediary at this conference, is prepared to wait a little longer.



## Military Talks On Southeast Asia May Begin On June 1

Washington, May 23. High level military talks on Southeast Asia are expected to open in Washington on June 1 between Britain, France, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Though final details have not yet been decided, diplomatic circles believe the talks will be at Chiefs of Staff level.

The conference will discuss the present and potential military situation in Indo-China and Southeast Asia.

Among contingencies expected to be considered are:

1. The further worsening of the military situation in the Red River Delta in area in Indo-China.
2. Failure of the Geneva conference to produce a ceasefire or agree on a settlement for Indo-China.
3. Increased Chinese Communist intervention in the fight.

The conference is expected to provide the estimate of the military factors which should be of great importance in the diplomatic discussions involving

## Scientists To Explore Strange Crater

Washington, May 23. A scientific expedition is preparing to leave for northern Labrador to explore a mysterious perfectly round crater 175 yards across which has a brilliant apple green coloured lake in the centre.

The National Geographic Society and the Royal Ontario Museum of Geology and Mineralogy of Toronto are sponsoring the expedition. They will be helped by the United States Air Force.

The eight scientists taking part include a member of the Canadian atomic mission and they are particularly interested to discover whether the crater is of meteoric origin—like the two-mile-wide Cheuch crater in Quebec.—Reuter.

## French Socialist Split On EDC

Paris, May 23. The French Socialist Party Federations in ten departments were divided today on whether the European Defence Community should be ratified.

Reports reaching here tonight indicated that five departmental federations had voted in favour of instructing Socialist deputies in the National Assembly to endorse the EDC, while five others were opposed.—France-Press.

## Hitler's Generals In East German Police?

Washington, May 23. A survey published by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that former Hitler generals and other high officers were turning up in the uniform of Soviet controlled East Germany's Police Force Army.

The survey also cited what it said were resemblances to methods of the Nazi regime in East Germany's labour and youth policies.

Prepared by Library of Congress specialists, the survey said that East German workers and housewives would provide the real cadres of continued resistance to Soviet domination and that integration of West Germany into a European Community could intensify such resistance.

The researchers said that the Soviet Union had a precedent for the use of Hitler's generals and other prominent figures in the "Free German" Committee.

they set up in Moscow in 1943 while still at war with Germany. The study said: "A particular feature of the new Soviet-German Army is the use of former Hitler generals and high officers."

The officer corps which includes Russians "has not shown significant indication of large scale unreliability," the survey said, but from 1949 about 6,000 rank and file members of the force deserted to West Berlin. Reasons cited were recognition that they were receiving Army not police training; dissatisfaction with pay scales and objection to political indoctrination; restrictions and forced participation in party activities that took time and money.—Reuter.

## They're Hearing Petrov's Evidence



The Royal Commission on Russian spying in Australia opened this week in Canberra. Three judges are investigating the espionage secrets disclosed by Vladimir Petrov—the Soviet diplomat who was recently given asylum by the Australian Government. Diplomats from every country—except those of the Soviet bloc—are attending the hearing in which the Senior Government Counsel, Mr. J. V. Winder, is outlining the pattern of Soviet spying throughout Australia.

Picture shows: The Commission of three Judges L. to R. Mr. Justice; Mr. Justice Philip and Mr. Justice Lidgettwood arriving for the opening session of the Commission.—Express Photo.

## 19 Out Of 20 Skin Cancer Cases Cured

London, May 23. Lord Horder, Chairman of the British Empire Cancer campaign, and one of the Queen's physicians, said tonight 19 out of 20 medically attended cases of cancer of the skin were cured nowadays.

In the 1920s this complaint was common and caused a lot of suffering, he said in a broadcast appeal for funds.

Cancer of the prostate gland, formerly cured only by a serious operation if diagnosed, had come under control by the use of a medicine produced after long research by a British Empire cancer campaign worker.

The fact is that by improved surgical technique, or by radiation, or by using both together, we cure more cases of cancer today than ever before, and yet the essential cause of cancer still eludes us and we must not rest until we have found it. "We know that a number of irritants predispose certain organs to cancer—excessive smoking in the case of cancer of the lung is a popular example at the moment—but we do not know what it is that makes the growing cell take on what is called the 'malignant' character."—Reuter.

## London Welcomes The Queen



Shrieking, waving, every nation joined to give a frenzied London welcome to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as they began their 28-day tour of the British Commonwealth of the 10,000-mile tour of the Commonwealth.—Reuter photo.

## "TOOK THE LEAP BUT TURNED BACK IN MID-AIR"

## America Changed Its Mind About Intervention

Washington, May 23. Senator George Smathers said today the United States "actually took the leap" toward active intervention in the Indo-China war recently "but turned back in mid-air".

His remarks, made at an American Legion meeting in St Petersburg, Florida, brought an immediate denial from a Republican Senator but equally prompt support from a Democratic member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Senator Smathers told the Legionnaires they would be shocked "if you know how near we were to actual participation in Indo-China just a few weeks ago."

"When the story is finally written, it will be seen that America actually took the leap, but turned back in mid-air".

The Senator departed from his prepared text to say the plan was "turned back in mid-air" after the intervention of three or four American patriots. He did not elaborate.

The Defence Department had no immediate comment. But Senator Francis Case, a Republican member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Senator Smathers must have been "talking figuratively and not specifically". He said he knew of no plans for direct intervention in Indo-China.

Representative Melvin Price, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said there was a good deal of justification for Senator Smathers' statement.

Mr. Price said he had reliable information that the administration wanted to intervene directly in Indo-China before the fall of Dien Bien Phu but was blocked by lack of support from the British and disquiet for such action by Republican Congressional leaders.

Representative F. Edward Hebert, another member of the House group, said he had no personal knowledge of what Senator Smathers was talking about.

The question of possible U.S. intervention in Indo-China has been the subject of a good deal of talk in administration and Congressional circles recently.

The controversy was started by Vice-President Richard

view of the United States "increasing responsibilities" throughout the world.

Speaking at a Jewish community forum, he said American people not only must be given a picture about the "adequacy" of their armed forces but also "must be given the facts—even more facts than they have been given—concerning the crisis in Southeast Asia."

He made no attempt to "spell out in detail what course of action the United States would take in Indo-China. But he said he was not impressed with the argument that U.S. air and naval forces alone might be enough to halt the Communist armies."

NOT A POLICE ACTION "We should not begin a military action of this nature on a so-called limited basis, with air force and navy, without very clearly recognizing that in this type of jungle and rice-paddy war especially, Air and Naval sources may not be able to prove the exclusive deciding factor," he said.

The United States must act "with its eyes wide open," he declared, and be aware of all the "consequences." If America did commit itself in Asia it could not be called a "police action" when it "very definitely may prove to be an action of war — of belligerency."

In rejecting the "go-it-alone" philosophy, Senator Wiley said the United States must have the willing co-operation of our allies in Europe and of the free states in Asia. In Indo-China and "must not attempt independent, unilateral action."

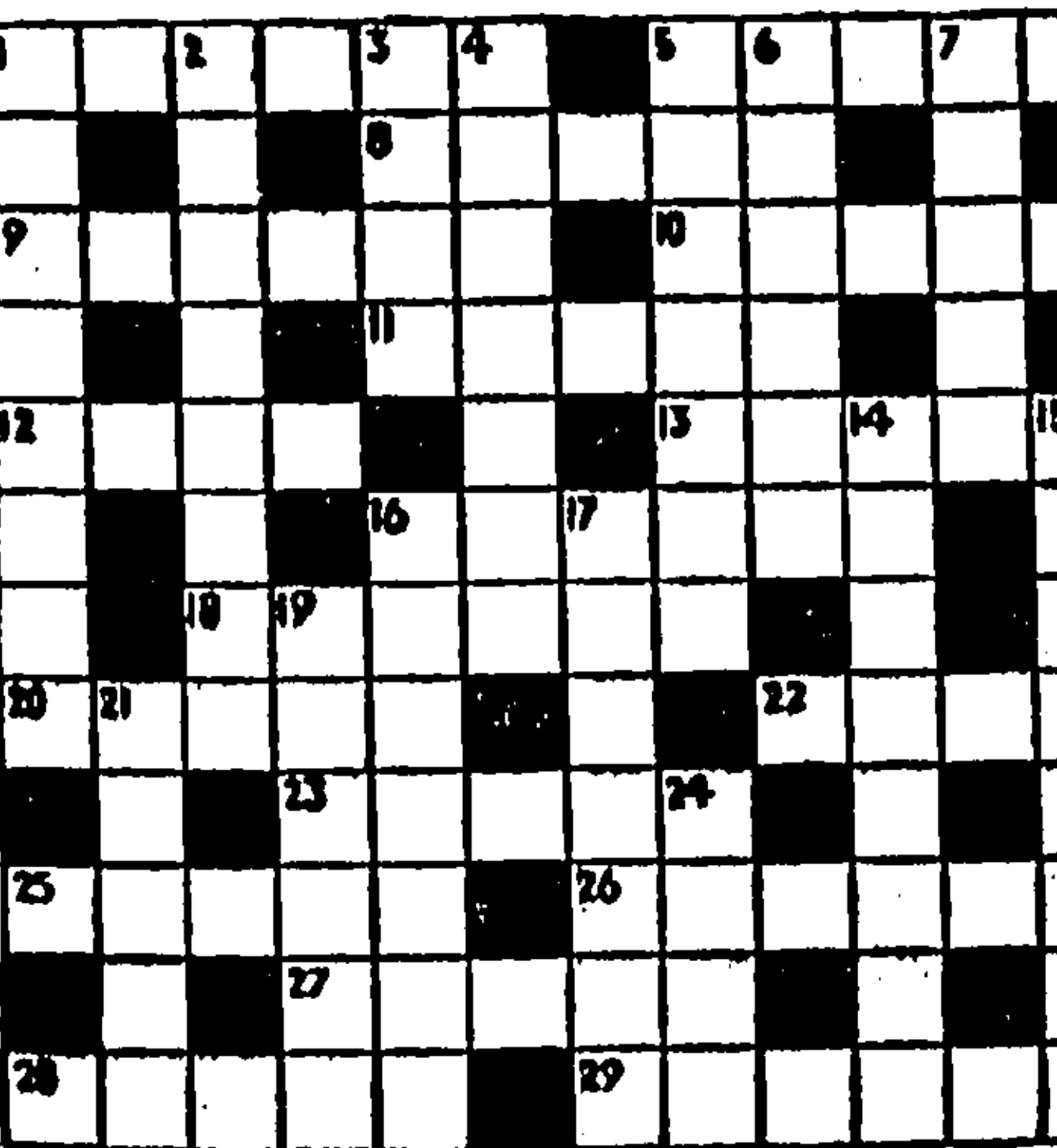
At the same time, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was said to be making "steady progress" with his plan to build a collective security alliance in Asia to fight against Communist aggression.

"WE CANNOT DELAY" Senator Wiley warned that "time is of the essence—we cannot delay indefinitely; nor can our allies."

He said that in shaping policy on Indo-China, the Government must bear in mind the nation's economic status, possible co-operation of the Allies, and "the fact that neither we nor anyone else can possibly save any nation which does not want to save itself."

"It is bad not to take a stand, but it is infinitely worse to take a stand which you cannot sustain and where you are going to suffer defeat," he said.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



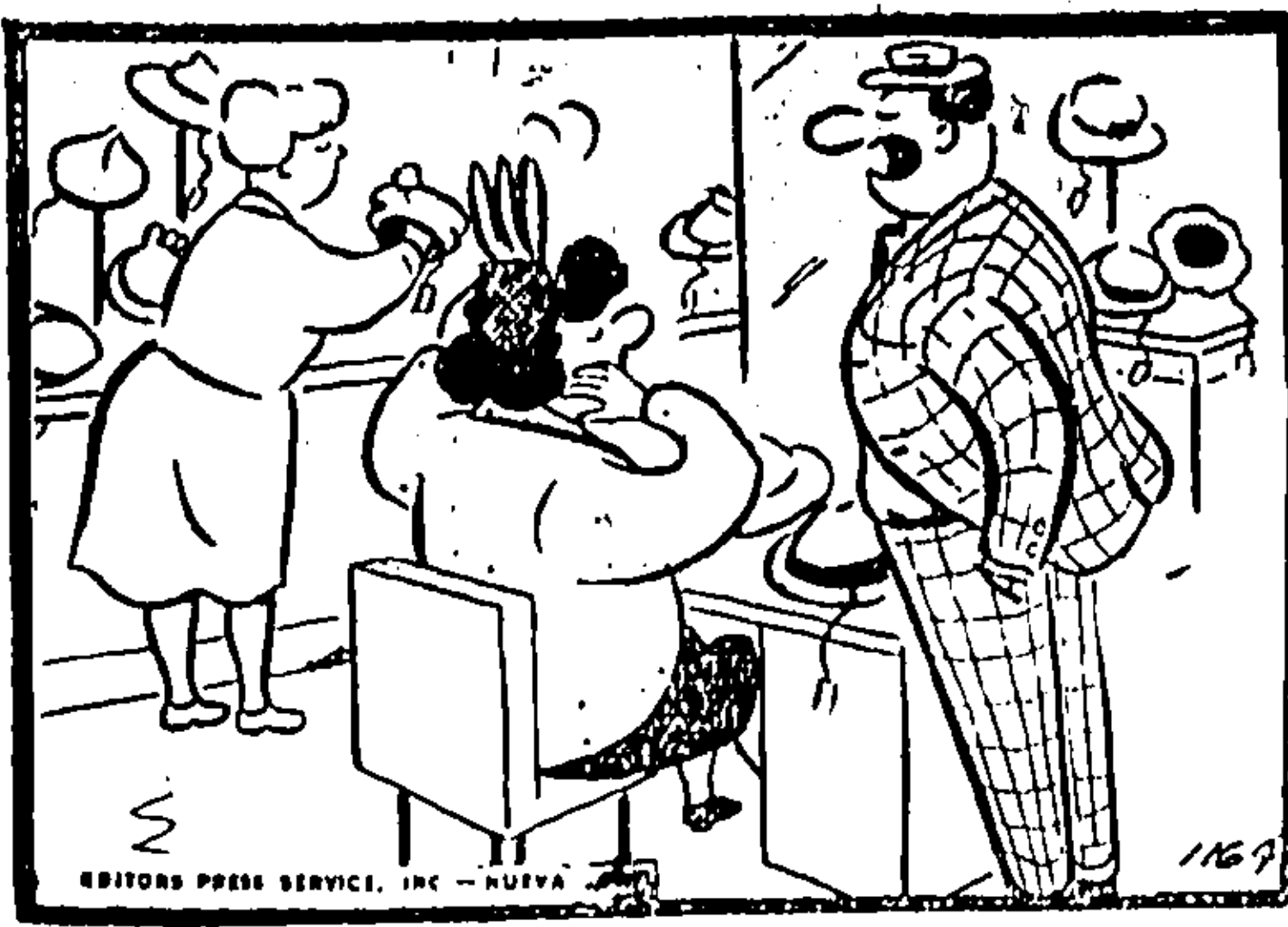
- ACROSS
- 1 Hot-headed person (6).
  - 2 Dance (5).
  - 3 Best part (5).
  - 4 Fruit (9).
  - 5 Clear (5).
  - 6 Plunder (5).
  - 7 Opulent (4).
  - 8 Fastens down (5).
  - 9 Property (6).
  - 10 Assemblies (6).
  - 11 View (5).
  - 12 Fruit (4).
  - 13 Cover with cloth (5).
  - 14 Obese (5).
  - 15 In high spirits (6).
  - 16 Used to guide or check a horse (5).
  - 17 Avance (6).
  - 18 Nurced (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Part of a bed (8).
  - 2 Residence (8).
  - 3 Deeds (4).
  - 4 Suggest (7).
  - 5 Travelling-bags (7).
  - 6 Lucky charm (6).
  - 7 Upset (6).
  - 8 Helped (8).
  - 9 Went down (8).
  - 10 Warded off (7).
  - 11 Ruptile (7).
  - 12 Last (6).
  - 13 Provide for (6).
  - 14 Besides (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Afar, 7 Clump, 8 Anon, 9 Lash, 10 Dilates, 12 Phe, 15 Souks, 16 Asks, 17 Trend, 11 Meles, 22 Souk, 23 Naked, 26 Grown, 29 Diluted, 30 Room, 31 Rusp, 32 Demure, 33 Nine, Down: 1 Plain, 2 Impasse, 4 Plank, 5 Tress, 6 Rose, 9 Long, 11 Token, 13 Look, 14 Aids, 15 Steel, 17 Smut, 20 Also, 20 Reduces, 22 Skin, 24 Adorn, 26 Revue, 27 Romy, 28 Yarn.









"Did she say no one else could wear it, or would wear it?"

## • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

NO man has done more to attract the American tourist to Britain than Captain K. A. G. Foulencough. He is the antique dealer who has made a name for himself in the past few years as a collector of rare and valuable items.

This spring and summer the Captain is concentrating on antique furniture, and he has a number of pieces in his shop at the moment. He is particularly interested in the work of the 17th and 18th centuries, and he has a number of fine pieces in his shop.

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 24

BORN today, you have a gentle and kind nature which has a great deal of personal magnetism. Your innate goodness attracts people of all kinds into your circle of acquaintances. Devoted to the arts, music and literature, especially, you might easily become the leader of a salon where those of similar tastes and talents meet in happy camaraderie. You must not, in seeking to further the careers of others, however, neglect your own talents, for they are considerable.

You also have a high degree of nervous energy and physical stamina. You are always busy at something.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

GENIUS (May 21-June 21)—Aspects are highly favourable for all personal aims and desires. Make important progress now.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Day-dreaming is a lot of fun but it is the hard work in this world that reaps the high profits.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You may be under pressure to finish an important job. Measure up to the demands in all respects.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Being friendly is really so successful! Don't begrudge your time; always go half way.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be sharp-witted when it comes to regaining an opportunity when it is right in front of your eyes!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You are under excellent auspices today. Tackle even the toughest job and it should be easy, now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Let yesterday's positive and optimistic outlook in life solve a problem for you today. It can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Face the music this morning. Get an early start on a job that needs doing and finish it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Well-meaning friends may try to be helpful with suggestions. Make sure they are also practical.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Stay within your budget if you are wise so that you may have something to spare for another time.

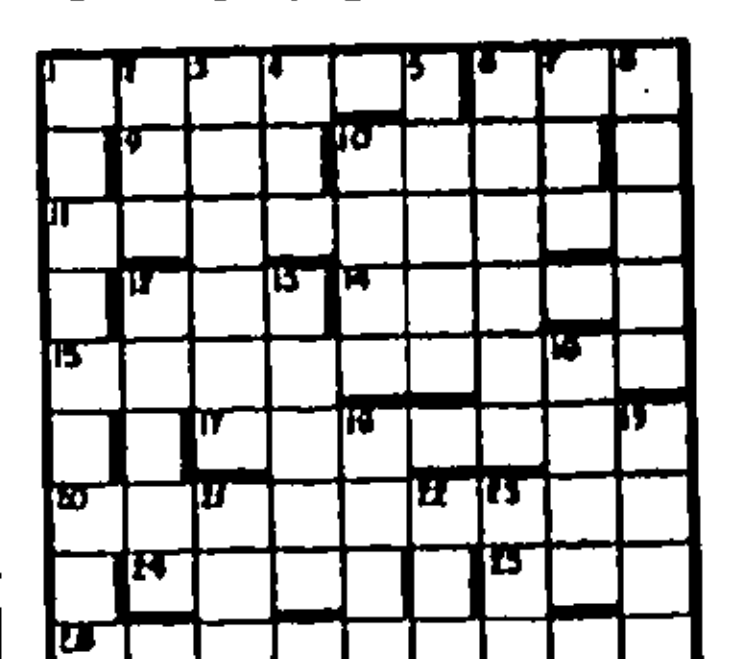
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you have slept on an idea and mature thought makes it look even better than yesterday, develop it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Be ambitious—that is always good—but don't be rash in developing

## DUMB-BELLS



## CROSSWORD



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13. Gear around the depla makes a hat hopper. (3, 6)  
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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Be 'Conventional.'  
Use Blackwood Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

MOST experienced players know the Blackwood convention. A bid of four no-trump, particularly when nobody has previously bid no-trump, asks partner how many aces he holds. With no aces, he responds five clubs; with one ace, five diamonds; with two aces, five hearts; and so on.

In today's hand, for example, South made a response of five hearts, thus showing two aces. North then went on to six hearts.

While we are on the subject, we might as well note the fact that North's jump to four no-trump was a gamble. South would surely have a slam with three aces and might have one with two aces, but it wasn't necessary for North to bid his partner's hand. If North simply jumped to four hearts, South would probably make a slam try of some kind with any hand that was likely to produce a slam.

NORTH (D) 17	
AKQJ 1085	
AKJ7	
KQ	
WEST	EAST
74	632
5	643
K1074	A82
Q8832	754
SOUTH	
A9	
Q1082	
963	
AJ10	
North-South vul.	
North	East
1 Pass	2 Pass
4 NT	5 Pass
6 H	Pass
Opening lead—4	

West didn't enjoy leading away from his king of diamonds. The bidding made it obvious, however, that North had a very good spade suit and a tremendous fit for hearts. The setting trick had to be won in diamonds and clubs, and the length of the clubs made it unlikely that a defensive trick could be established there.

East won the first trick with the ace of diamonds and then had to decide whether to return a diamond or a club. Did his partner have the king of diamonds or the ace of clubs?

It was actually no problem at all. South's response of five hearts to the Blackwood bid of four no-trump had indicated that South held two aces. It was clear that South held both of the black aces, so East promptly returned a diamond. West collected the setting trick gratefully, thus defeating North's overambitious slam bid.

## CARD Sense

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North East South West  
1 Diamond 1 Spade ?  
You, South, hold: Spades 7-6-3, Hearts 9-5-2, Diamonds K-8-4-2, Clubs K-Q-5. What do you do?

A—Bid two diamonds. The free raise (made directly over an opponent's bid) shows respectable values. In this case, you have 8 points in high cards and 1 point extra for the king in partner's bid suit.

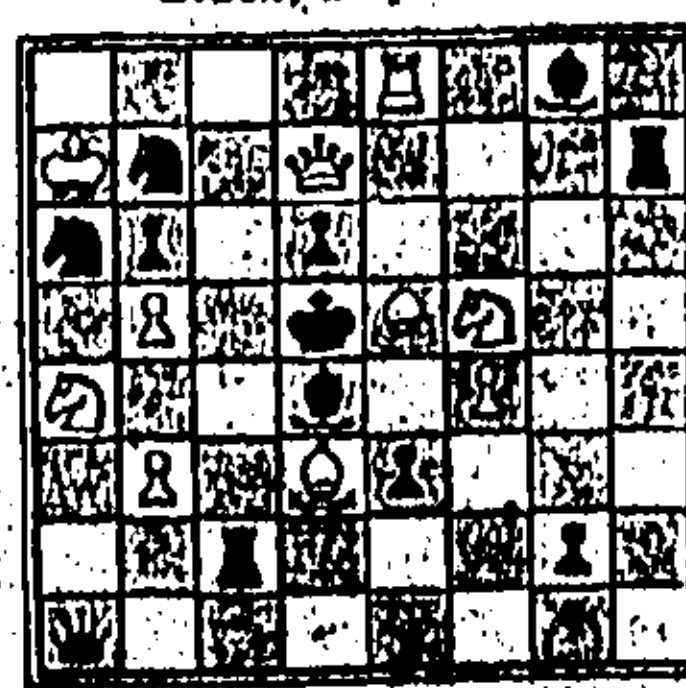
## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 6-3, Hearts 9-5-2, Diamonds K-8-4-2, Clubs A-Q-9-5. What do you do?

Answer tomorrow

## CHESS PROBLEM

By E. RETTE  
Black, 12 pieces.



White to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:  
1. R1-Q3 any, 2. R. or B. mate.

# WOMANSENSE

## A New Kind of Sweater



Off-the-shoulder line of this new Dorville sweater-with-a-difference reveals a Capri-print shirt in black and white. The shirt makes an effective contrast to the strong yellow of the ribbed sweater.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Small rugs, especially on highly polished floors, present a skid hazard. A special preparation is available which may be put on the backs of rugs to keep them in place, or a cushion foundation may be laid under the rug to prevent skidding.

A skillfully arranged bowl of fruit makes an attractive centre-piece. Wax the fruit to bring out the colour and make it more decoratively bright.

To remove iron rust stain from a washable white fabric, sprinkle with salt, squeeze lemon juice on it, and set in the sun to dry. If stain persists, add more lemon juice. Rinse well.

## She Rearranged Her Career To Accommodate Children

By ANNE HEYWOOD

MOTHERS of the how-virtuous - can - you - got type often tell me, bravely stifling their sobs, that "I adore my children, of course, but when I think of the sacrifices I've made..."

And then they tell me of their training, and their wonderful careers in business, or medicine, or law, or advertising or what-not, and add, "But, of course, I had to give that all up. When you have children, you have no time to keep up with your interests, and your training just goes on the shelf."

## CHILDREN'S BURDEN

I shudder to think of the burden those poor kids are going to carry with them through life. It's no fun to be reminded, year after year, of all you owe to dear old mom. The natural reaction isn't toward pampering her with affection the rest of your life, in order to repay her. The natural reaction is to run a mile!

"But when your training has been specialised, and you can't go out to a job, your hands are really tied," women tell me.

However, I frequently encounter women who have sufficient ingenuity and persistence to lick that one, too.

Mrs Dorothy Clarke is such a woman.

She is the wife of a lawyer, and mother of two daughters, one fifteen and one seven.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Clarke worked for a man who was a consultant in dental practice administration. He taught dentists—and more particularly their secretaries—the most efficient manner to run their offices. Mrs. Clarke worked until two days before her first child was born.

But for the past fifteen years, she has managed to keep her hand in, too.

Her old boss passed away, and she was one of the few who knew his techniques. When dentists asked for her help, she didn't refuse, but neither could she leave the house and children to go out.

"I told them," Mrs. Clarke explained, "that I'd love to help them, but they would have to come to my house. Then, after that, I would hire and train their new secretaries in the approved methods—and the secretaries would come to my house, too. Slightly inconvenient, but they were happy to co-operate."

"The extra money I make is very useful," she added.

"Really," Mrs. Clarke concluded, "you can do anything if you honestly want to do it."

## WHY NOT REST AS YOU WORK?

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

IS your face "screwed-up," wrinkled, without apparent reason? Does your back ache? Do your feet hurt when you do housework? If any of these conditions annoy you, it's ten to one that you don't rest while you work. That may sound like a paradox, so I'll explain.

When most women pare vegetables, peel apples, iron, or clean silver, they stand up. And standing still in one spot tends to slow up circulation. At the same time, it exerts strain on the legs and feet, and so indirectly on the heart. The remedy is simple; sit whenever possible while doing household chores or carrying out cooking preparations.

Buy a kitchen stool with swivelling steps and a curved contour back for support and sitting comfort. The "step" of the stool takes weight from the feet and promotes relaxation. This helps to keep fatigue wrinkles off your face and gives you more working efficiency.

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## Tasty Dish Made From Leftover Ham

New York. Dishes which can be prepared well ahead or require only a few minutes cooking time before serving are a blessing for the busy homemaker.

Such a dish is ham pie, which can be made from leftover ham.

The ham pie—they are sized for individual servings—can be assembled at your leisure, chilled, and baked just before serving.

The filling: Mix together ½ pound (1½ cups) ground cooked ham; ¼ cup mayonnaise; 2 tablespoons pickle relish; 1 tablespoon prepared mustard; 1 teaspoon Worcester sauce, and ¼ teaspoon pepper.

The pastry: 2 cups sifted enriched flour; 1 teaspoon salt; 2/3 cup shortening; ¾ cup rolled oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked) and 1/3 cup cold water.

Sift together flour and salt into bowl. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Mix in rolled oats. Add water a little at a time, mixing lightly until pastry can be formed in a ball. Let stand for 5 minutes.

Divide in half, and roll out each half on a lightly-floured board to ¼ inch thickness. Cut 8 circles about 4 inches in diameter from each half. Place half of the circles on an ungreased baking sheet and spread each with ham filling. Fricke centres of remaining circles, lay over ham filling and seal edges by fluting. Bake in a hot oven (425 degrees) 20 to 25 minutes. Serve hot, topped with this sauce:

Mix 1 tin (10½ oz.) condensed celery soup and 2 tablespoons milk. Heat to boiling point and use immediately.

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## Novel Idea for Earrings

SUMMER jewellery is light and gay and sprinkled with flowers. Here's a new idea for inexpensive earrings, for pierced ears.

You buy one pair of tiny straight gold pins, which pass through the ear and are kept in position with a small gold fastener at the back of lobe.

This one pair of pins carries different types of ornament, which can be changed around at will. Eva Melova has sketched a pink moss rose for summer evening wear.

Separately you see two of the alternative decorations: large metal pansies and small gilt "drops."

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## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Visiting Story Book People

—They All Lived Just Back of the Bookcase—

By MAX TRELL

"HELLO, Mr. Merlin," said Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name.

"Hello, Knarf," said Mr. Merlin who was a magician.

Knarf and Mr. Merlin met in the Playroom late at night. Everyone else in the house was fast asleep.

Knarf was in his pyjamas for he had already been asleep in the corner of the Playroom which is the place where shadows almost always do their sleeping.

### Dressed for Visiting

Mr. Merlin, however, was all dressed up in his best blue suit with the yellow stripes, his red vest and his black hat. "You look as though you're going someplace," Mr. Merlin, Knarf said.

"I am, indeed," said Mr. Merlin. "I'm going to visit some of my friends."

"But it's so late," said Knarf. "Aren't they all asleep?"

"Not these friends," said Mr. Merlin. "They're always awake. Why don't you come with me and we'll visit them together."

"I'm in my pyjamas," said Knarf.

"They won't mind a bit," said Mr. Merlin.

"But there's one other thing," said Knarf.

"What other thing is that, Knarf?" asked Mr. Merlin.

Knarf said: "I'm too cold to go outside just in my pyjamas!"

"There's nothing to worry about," said Mr. Merlin. "All my friends live right here in this room."

## Rupert and The Lost Cuckoo—28



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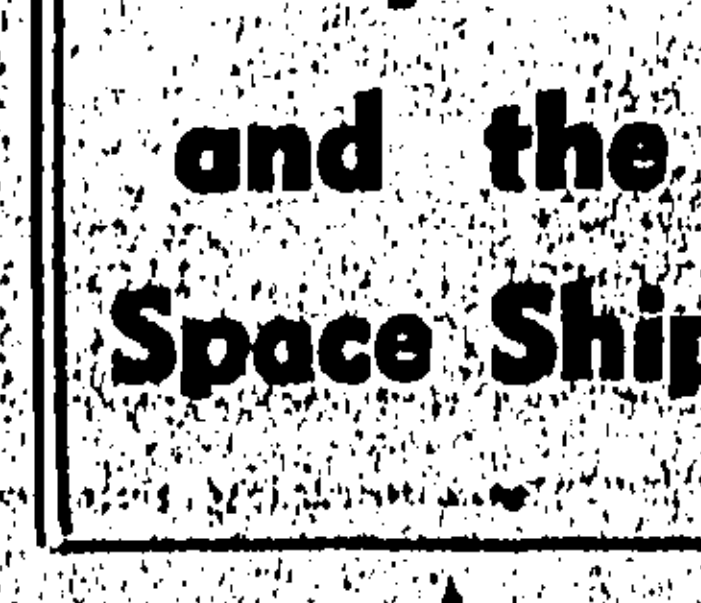
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## A new story

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## Go Crazier

New York. Those slim-cut, colourful pants the teen-agers love are getting crazier by the season.

The latest "crazy" pants fairly scream with bright pink and red horizontal checks. Some of the recent ones are decorated with outsize fish prints and dollar-size coin dots.

Even the teen-agers are taking to the fact. And although mothers may have to wear "blinders" when the children come into the room, there is this for say for the pants: most of them are so well-cut and



## KITCHEE 0, ARMY 0

OUTSTANDING DISPLAY BY  
KITCHEE GOALKEEPER  
SPLIT TWO POINTS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

What is the secret combination of Army forwards and floodlights that inspires Kitchee goalkeepers to turn in brilliant displays between the posts. At the beginning of March young Jimmy Cheung thrilled friend and foe alike with a series of spell binding saves . . . and on Saturday night, in the Colony's first-ever floodlight League match, Cheung Koon-hing defied the Army's eager forwards time and again with neck or nothing clearances.

That the game finished in a goalless draw was due to an outstanding display by the Kitchee goalkeeper. During a spell of Army pressure in the first half he threw himself across the goal to push away a flashing drive that appeared to have him well beaten.

Midway through the second half he was caught on the wrong foot when Lunnion smashed in a terrific 25-yarder, but in some miraculous way he managed to get his right hand to the ball and deflect it over the bar.

It was a thrilling piece of goalkeeping, and the fact that Granger in the opposite goal was giving Cheung a hearty hand clap was not lost on the Chinese fans behind the goal and they, in turn, gave the Army keeper a shout of appreciation.

Army and Kitchee have met on three occasions this season and each meeting has provided a first-class game. It would seem that the style of play of the two sides are the ideal contributions to a fast open game, and the big crowd of around 8,000 which braved the threatening weather was well rewarded for its courage.

## GRAND GAME

This was a grand game to watch and if the soldiers could have found a little more punch up front they must have won the points.

During the first half the Army did most of the attacking, but

only Bennett of the forwards was really dangerous. Reeves was strangely quiet and after Lunnion was injured the right wing faded out.

At the other end Ho Ying-tun, Hau Ching-to, and the fast and clever King Lok-sang were often on the move, but with Fraser having a great home in the middle and Wells playing with confidence in the unusual position of right back, the Kitchee forward line did not get too close to Granger.

Chu Wing-keung schemed and plotted, but his mates just could not find a way past Fraser.

Midway through the half play was centred round the Army end and Ho Ying-tun cut the ball accurately across the face of the goal.

Granger cut it out and threw it back to Higgins. The left half pushed it upfield, and out of a crowd of players Bennett suddenly swung round and cracked the ball wide of Cheung Koon-hing only to see it coming crashing back off the left hand post. This was a let-off for the Shield holders, but the brilliant clearances of their goalkeeper

## FAST AND CLEAN

In a game which was refreshingly fast and clean Cheung Koon-hing stands out as the Kitchee star but he would be the first to acknowledge the fine assistance he got from two fine backs and a grand defensive centre-half in front of him.

Chu Han-hung had another delightful game in the Kitchee half back line and his tenacious tackling and inch-perfect passing frequently stopped and turned the soldiers in their tracks.

Hau Ching-to and Ho Ying-tun were fast and clever wingers but King Lok-sang, who was very unlucky when a well placed drive came back off a post late in the game, was well watched by Fraser.

Newcomer Riley in the Army side again played well and showed keen judgment in going into the tackle against the experienced Ho Ying-tun.

Granger dealt with what came his way in his usual clean cut style and Wells again demonstrated his versatility with a first rate display in the right back position. Fraser was the No. 1 soldier and had a grand game, while Higgins, at left half, was always forcing the game along.

Bennett in his last game in the Colony was in top form and was very unlucky not to score on two occasions.

Lunnion did little of note after his injury although he very nearly won the game with his great second half shot. Thomas improved later on but neither Luckton nor Reeves, in the inside berths played as they can.

VERDICT: The MacTavish topper is off to Kitchee's grand goalkeeper, this was his point. The lighting was very good and the only bad patch near the clubhouse end. Our memories of the occasion will be of a grand game, a correct result, and some very good refereeing by Mr. Wilcocks. His co-operation with his linesmen was excellent, and he used the advantage rule to advantage . . . and that is how it is intended to be used.

Second Empire  
Games Bowls  
Trial Today

Weather permitting, the second trial to choose the Colony's lawn bowls team to represent Hongkong at the British Empire Games in Vancouver will be held at the Police Recreation Club today, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

The following have been chosen for today's trial: Jack Chubb (KCC), A. E. Coates (CCC), K. L. Lee (Recreio) and J. V. F. Ribeiro (Recreio) (skip) vs. M. B. Hassan (IRC), A. A. Lopes (Recreio), B. S. Richards (KCC) and J. L. Lee (Recreio) (skip).

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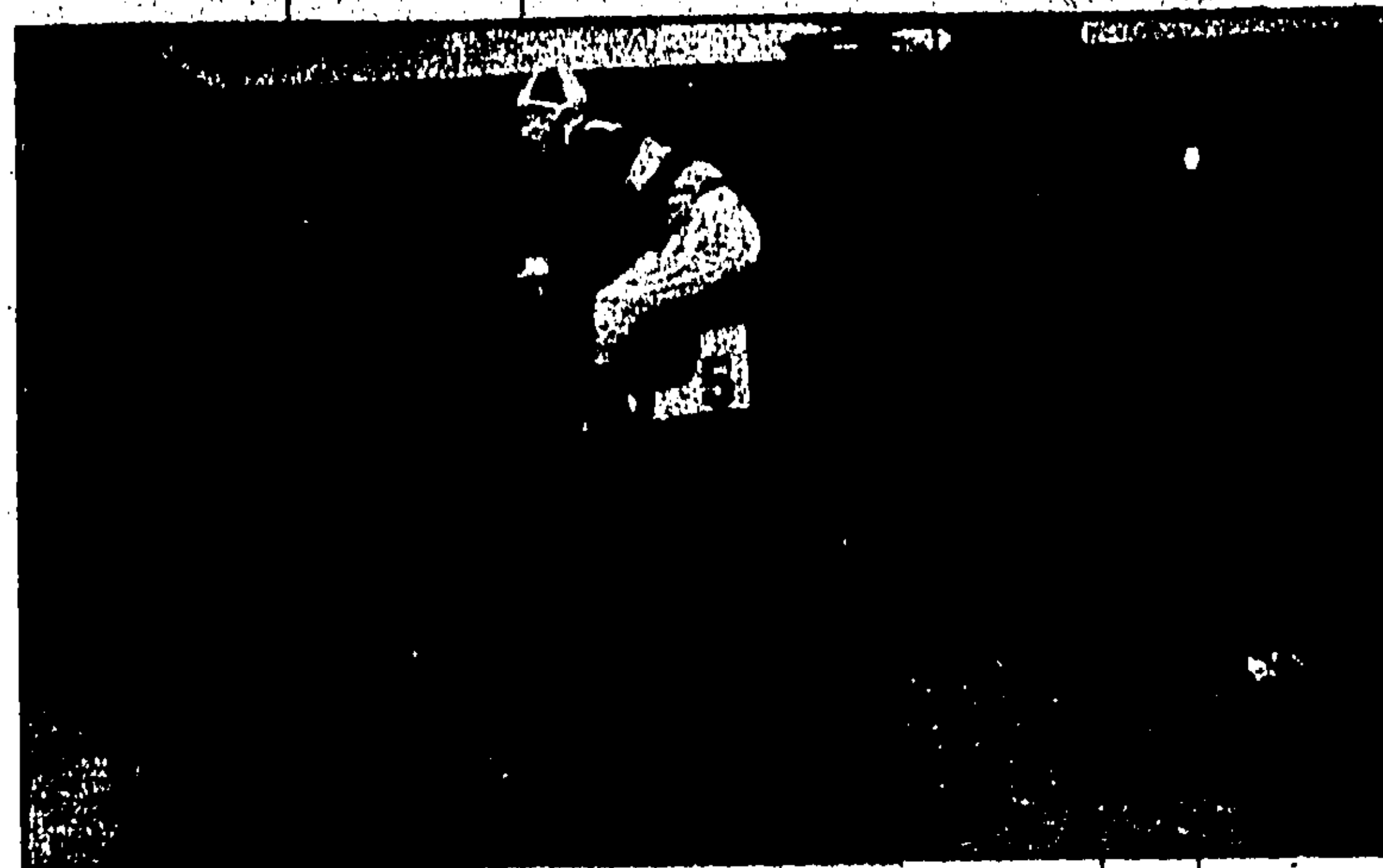
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## DERBY CANDIDATE



Mr. J. E. Ferguson's Arabian Night (T. Goalie up) is one of the candidates for this year's Derby to be run at Epsom on June 2. It was quoted at 28-1 at the last Victoria Club callover.—Central Press Photo.

## WITH IAAF APPROVAL

No National Anthems To  
Be Played At European  
Athletic Championships

Berne, May 23.

Fanfares, sounded by heralds in mediaeval costumes, will replace the customary playing of national anthems at the opening, closing and winner's honouring ceremony of the 1954 European Track and Field Championships here this summer.

The unprecedented decision of the organisers to ban the playing of national anthems as a "contribution towards the elimination of unhealthy nationalism from the sports movement" has been met with a mixed reception by international athletics officials and outright opposition from many athletes.

But the IAAF has already approved the decision of the Swiss organisers and there will definitely be no God Save the Queen, Deutschlandlied or Marseillaise during the five-day meet.

"It was the greatest moment of my life when my national anthem was played after my victory in the walking contest of the last European Athletics Championships in Brussels," said Switzerland's top track athlete, Fritz Schwab. "As an athlete, sportsman and patriot, I strongly disapprove of the decision taken by the organisers."

Similar statements have been made by other European athletes. This is what Walter Lutz, one of the initiators and spokesmen for the organisers, has to say in reply:

"Unhealthy nationalism has to be eliminated from the sports movement. Besides, the European Athletic Championships are an individual and not a team contest. If Emil Zatopek wins a race, it is Mr. Zatopek and not Czechoslovakia that has won it. Thus, we sound a fanfare to honour Mr. Zatopek—but there is no reason to play the Czech anthem."

But there are many who think differently. Max Danz, Chairman of the West German Athletics Federation, said his organisation was "deploring" the elimination of the playing of national anthems from the ceremony honouring the new champions.

"A substantial part has been eliminated from the winner's honouring ceremony which used to be a special climax of sports festivals," said Danz, recalling that Joy Barthel of the Luxembourg team was "crying with pride" when the national anthem of his country was played after he had won the 1,500 Metres run in the 1932 Olympics.

The tears, streaming down Barthel's face as the anthem was being played, gave proof of his "love for his fatherland which is inherent in every man," Danz said.

In France, athletics officials decried the decision of the Swiss organisers "not very important" and said all the fault they could find with it was that a suppression of normal reactions could lead to an increase of the glorifying of the champion himself.

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## LEAGUE BOWLS

POLICE EARN MORE  
THAN TWO BOTTLES  
OF WHISKY

By "ARGONAUT"

The Police Recreation Club First Division team easily emerged out of the week-end's Lawn Bowls League matches as the team of the week.

They not only halted Recreio Whites' string of successes by scoring an upset 4-1 triumph over their opponents, but achieved a rare feat when their rink of G. Watt, J. Goodman, W. Hollands and Ken Bodie ran up a six on the 12th head of their match against A. A. G. Silva, C. M. Silva, G. A. Noronha and C. Danenberg, and followed this up with an eight on the next head.

There have been a few "eights" since the League started, but 14 shots on two heads easily constitute a record.

The Recreio "Whites" started off confidently and held a five-shot lead on the three rinks at the end of the 7th head.

## DISASTER STRUCK

Disaster struck them on the 8th head when Perkins' rink took off a four from Lopes' four. This was immediately followed by another piece of bad luck on the part of the Recreio bowlers when Marques, with a lie of three, protected an opposing wood for second shot in this attempt to draw the fourth shot.

Then came the climax of the afternoon's game. That it is better to be through than short in lawn bowls was never better illustrated than in the game between the rinks skipped by Bodie and Danenberg.

After bowling yards through throughout the first few heads, Bodie's front man gave him five woods just before the back on the 12th head. With two chances of either resting the jack-high first shot or trailing the jack, Bodie succeeded in taking the jack about a foot with his last wood to give his side a count of six.

On the 13th head, Watt laid two good shots just about a foot behind the jack. Goodman added another two also slightly behind.

Hollands, coming from the backhand, shifted the jack slightly to the right, giving his side a count of five all on the backhand side with not a single wood on the forehand side of the jack.

He drew into his own group of woods for the sixth shot, after Noronha, coming on the forehand had just gone through between two opposing woods.

Bodie kept on piling another shot from the backhand, Danenberg tried to draw from the open forehand but, after getting a perfect green, dropped almost a yard short.

Bodie put in the eighth shot from the backhand and Danenberg, still trying to draw from the forehand, improved only by a few inches on his first delivery to concede an eight to his opponents.

From then on both Bodie's and Hayward's rinks forged ahead to comfortable wins, conceding Recreio their only point when Lopes just edged out Perkins by 20-18.

## HOW THEY STAND

First Division  
P. W. D. L. Pts.  
Recreio "Blues" . . . 8 3 0 0 10  
Recreio "Whites" . . . 3 2 0 1 10  
CCC . . . 2 1 0 1 7  
PFC . . . 3 1 0 2 6  
IRC . . . 1 0 0 4 1  
KCC . . . 1 0 0 4 1  
KDC . . . 3 0 0 3 2  
KBGC . . . 1 0 0 1 0

Second Division  
Recreio . . . 3 2 0 1 11  
KCC . . . 2 2 0 0 0  
HKFC . . . 3 2 0 1 8½  
IRC . . . 2 2 0 0 8  
KBGC . . . 2 2 0 0 0½

Centenary Bowls  
Match Postponed

The Lawn Bowls match between Park and Present members part of the Defence Force Centenary Celebrations, which was scheduled to take place yesterday at Rowloon Bowling Green Club, was postponed owing to the heavy rains in the afternoon.

The date for the match will be notified later.

Sir Gordon  
Will Ride In  
The Derby

Salisbury, May 23.  
Sir Gordon Richards, Britain's leading jockey, said today he will ride the Queen's horse, Landau, in the Derby on June 2.

The horse's trainer, Mr. Noel Murless, also announced this shortly after Sir Gordon left hospital here, where he has been recovering from injuries received in a fall from a horse last Wednesday.

Before he left hospital by ambulance from his Marlborough home, Sir Gordon was asked if he would be all right for the Derby, Britain's biggest race of the year.

"Yes, of course, I will," he replied.

He is expected to see a doctor for check-up in the next few days.—Reuter.

Mulloy Beats  
Lewis Hoad

Paris, May 23.  
Lewis Hoad (Australia), 19, the Number One seed and favourite for the French Singles Lawn Tennis Championships, was eliminated today in the fourth round of the event by Gardner Mulloy, approaching 40, sometimes referred to as the "veteran of American tennis."

Mulloy gave a tennis lesson to his young rival, who only once looked like taking control. That was in the second set when he came from 0-2 to win six games in a row to level at set all. Then, however, Mulloy, with brilliant passing shots and sound service, swept the youngster off the court to win 6-2, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Hoad's net play did not function. Time and again he netted volleys and was frequently left sprawling by Mulloy's passing shots.

America has five men in the last eight in the Men's Singles and Australia so far only one. But Ken Rosewall may join Mulloy in the final, as he has just won his match with Sven Davidson (Sweden) and was postponed today owing to rain.

Enrique Morea (Argentina) is the other quarter-finalist and the order of play for the next round will be: Tony Trabert (USA), Mervyn Rose (Australia), Ken Rosewall (Australia) or Sven Davidson (Sweden) or Sven Davidson (Sweden), Budgie Patty (USA), Art Larsen (USA), Vic Seixas (USA), Enrique Morea (Argentina), Gardner Mulloy (USA).

Seixas survived a grim five-setter against Rex Hartwig (Australia) while Samoilie Drobny (Egypt), who seems fated to play similarly extended battles, had another today and tied notably against Larsen to win only one game in the deciding.—Reuter.

HUNGARY BEATS  
ENGLAND 7-1  
AT BUDAPEST

Budapest, May 23.

England suffered her heaviest defeat in international football today when she was beaten 7-1 by Hungary, the Olympic champions, at the People's Stadium.

It was a repetition of the 6-3 World Cup debacle with the English defence outplayed, outmanoeuvred and thoroughly bewildered by the copy-book precision of the brilliant Hungarian attacks.

What faint hope the demoralised England side had of making up a half-time deficit of 3-0 were completely shattered by an irresistible second half spell of three goals in four minutes.

England's previous heavy defeats were 7-2 by Scotland at Glasgow in 1978 and 6-1 also by Scotland at the Oval in 1981.

## ALL THE ATTACKING

Hungary scored three goals in the first half of the "match of the century".

They got the first from a free kick by Lantos, their left-back, in the tenth minute.

Puskas scored their second after 21 minutes and the third came through Kocsis eight minutes later.

Hungary had won the toss and they did all the attacking in the first few minutes.

The Hungarians received a great ovation when they took the field after the interval. They seemed to be taking things rather easily at this stage and with Sewell and Bittadi changing positions rapidly there was much more stuff in the English attack.

The record crowd of 92,000 who had paid about £42,000 went wild with excitement as the final whistle ended a magnificent display which must make Hungary warm favourites to win the World Cup in Switzerland this Summer.

The Hungarian players, after receiving the congratulations of the English team, ran up to the Tribune of Honour to salute their country's leaders. Then, beaming with joy they trotted to the dressing room to resounding cheers from the crowd.

It had been a fine sporting game, fast and spirited, but without the slightest ill-feeling.—Reuter.

BELGIAN QUITS  
AGAINST  
NINO VALDES

Brussels, May 22.

Nino Valdes, the Cub heavyweight, beat Karel Sys of Belgium in their bout here to-night when the Belgian retired in the fourth round.

The contest was described as an elimination fight for the world heavyweight championship.

Spectators booed loudly as 40-year-old Sys raised his opponent's arm in the middle of the fourth round and walked to his corner.

In the two preceding rounds, Valdes had begun to punish Sys about the head and body and showed him down considerably. The Belgian looked as if he would quit, but he was encouraged by his corner.

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## "Inside Secret" Of The Royal Yacht



This picture, the first to show the interior of the new Royal yacht Britannia, was taken last week as the ship lay at Battle Bridge Pier in the Pool of London, her berth since her arrival after being the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh home from the Royal tour. The 4,715-ton Britannia, built at John Brown's shipyard, Clydebank, at a cost of £2,100,000, is designed for use as a hospital ship in wartime. She is 412 ft. long overall, with a maximum beam of 53 ft., and has a continuous sea-going speed of 21 knots. Her range at 15 knots is 2,400 miles. Accommodation for the Royal party and staff is left and for the ship's company forward.

The Queen and her husband took a close interest in the decoration and furnishing. This picture shows the Queen's drawing-room in the Britannia.

## HONDURAS WANTS INDEPENDENCE

# Anti-British Colonialism, But Also Strongly Anti-Communist

Belize, British Honduras, May 23.

Outwardly, the People's United Party, which won a sweeping victory in the recent elections in British Honduras, is the antithesis of the People's Progressive Party of British Guiana in everything except violent anti-British colonialism.

Originating in the "Christian Labour" teachings of the Jesuit fathers in British Honduras, all the members of the People's United Party are practising Catholics. Its "golden boy," Mr George Price, a thin, fanatical ascetic, at one time studied for the priesthood.

Members of the party strongly resent any suggestion that the party has Communist leanings and point to their programme statement: "We oppose Communism as a conspiracy against freedom, democracy and religion and as offering no solution to economic problems."

Party leaders still deny the charges of contact with Guatemala's near-Communist Government, though most of these accusations were upheld by Sir Reginald Sharpe, the Special Commissioner appointed by London to investigate the matter.

British officials in Belize are sure that the Commissioner's findings were correct. They suggest, however, that the People's United Party's contact with Guatemala may have been opportunistic on both sides and has now been discontinued.

This school of thought believes that the Guatemalans, who have long claimed British Honduras as a "lost province," saw a chance to further their ambitions through this party. When they realised that the party was actually intensely nationalistic and opposed to foreign rule, whether Guatemalan or British, they lost interest in it.

The People's United Party, it is suggested, was anxious for support from any source in its early stages, but grew wary when it realised that the Guatemalans hoped to further their annexation claims.

The Governor, Mr Patrick Muir Renison, told correspondents just before the elections in which the People's United Party swept the polls and won a clear majority in the Legislative Assembly, that he was sure that there had been no foreign intervention during the four-months' campaign.

## American Teachers

The influence of the Jesuit fathers of St John's College, in Belize, on both the People's United Party and the people of British Honduras, which is 85 per cent Catholic, is generally agreed to be widespread.

Teachers at the College, principally Americans, with one or two Irish, began an adult labour course in 1947, teaching the theory and history of trade unionism and encouraging the formation of credit unions.

In 1948, the men who attended this school formed the General Workers' Union and in 1950 the People's United Party. The General Workers' Union and the People's United Party have interlocking leadership.

Father A. S. Knapp, Superior of the Order in the Colony, and Father John Kramer, who is

head of the labour school, deny that there is any political teaching at the College.

Father Kramer said that he in fact actively teaches that politics and trade unionism do not mix. He explained that he used the example of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labour as organisations which have successfully avoided politics.

Mr Price commented that the General Workers' Union leaders themselves decided that their aims could best be achieved through a political party, and founded the People's United Party.

An official statement of aims by the College's labour school says: "There is discussion of matters vital to employer and employee. The social and economic errors of Communism are highlighted along with the equally pernicious doctrine and practices of economic individualism."

Mr Price is President of the College's Alumni (old boys) Association and visits his former teachers several times a week. A deeply religious man, he always opens and closes political meetings with five-minute prayers, often of a semi-political nature. His speeches are studded with references to achieving self-government "by Christian methods."

Mr Leigh Richardson, the leader of the party, and Mr Philip Goldson, the two next most influential members of the party, are converts to Catholicism. Both say that they decided to join the Church after studying the famous "Labour Encyclical" of Pope Leo XIII, which defined the Church's attitude towards trade unionism.

The Colonial Government subsidises denominational schools, including the College, and the Jesuits express gratitude for this help.

The leaders of the People's United Party are bitterly anti-British and anti-colonial. But they say that they will try to co-operate with the Governor in the next few years since they are determined to achieve self-government by constitutional means.

Mr Richardson stated shortly after the elections: "We want to

get rid of the British in the sense that all colonialists want to get rid of their masters. But we shall try to work with them for the time being."

## Will Take Oath

They say they will take the oath of allegiance to the Crown required of members of the Assembly, and that there will be no repetition of the 1952 incident when People's United Party members of the Belize City Council objected to a Royal portrait being hung in the City Hall.

One of the documents brought into evidence during the Sharpe enquiry in April, which was found by the Commissioner to have been written by Mr Price to a Guatemalan official though it was unsigned, purported to be party plans for winning power. It said that the principal objective of the party was to win self-government by suppressing colonialism, but that "the colonial system makes impossible any violent attempt against the status quo."

The party, the document added, had decided to adopt a process of evolution, at times "even disregarding unjust laws," and to seek the support of international bodies, especially the United Nations. At the time the document was written, in 1952, party supporters always flew a United Nations and a United States flag at their meetings, which ended with singing "God Bless America."

This enthusiasm for the United States seems to have faded since the Caracas Inter-American Conference in March, at which the United States stand on colonialism did not please leaders of the People's United Party.

British officials here do not believe that there will be any attempt to overthrow the Colonial government by force, as was feared in British Guiana. They believe that the determination of the People's United Party leaders to avoid any revolutionary activity was reinforced by the deposition of the People's Progressive Party in Guiana and the consequent setback there to the achievement of self-government.

These officials think that some of the lesser leaders of the People's United Party might accept Communism if it appeared in British Honduras. But they consider that there is little danger of this as long as the present top leaders keep control.—China Mail Special.

## 75,000 Will Become Shareholders

# New Profit-Sharing Scheme For I.C.I. Employees

From Our Own Correspondent

London, May 23.

In deciding to start a profit-sharing scheme for employees, Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd has given the principle of co-partnership in industry its biggest boost to date.

Under the proposed scheme some 75,000 of I.C.I.'s total labour force of 107,000 will become shareholders in this £439 million concern and thus, it is hoped, "feel that they have a stake of substance in the fortunes of the company which they will wish to retain."

Employees will, in fact, be able to choose between retaining their shareholding or selling it for cash on the Stock Exchange. And that is the most important difference between the I.C.I. co-partnership scheme and those operated by other concerns.

An employee's share in the profit will vary according to his salary and the amount paid by the company in ordinary dividends. One per cent of his gross annual salary will be paid to trustees for each one per cent by which the ordinary dividend exceeds five per cent. This money after deduction of tax at the appropriate rate will be used by trustees to buy newly issued shares on his behalf at current market prices. Dividends on these will accumulate for the purchase of further shares.

The scheme comes into operation after the 100 per cent scrip issue which will increase the company's ordinary capital to more than £140 million. Assuming

the dividend is maintained at the present rate the scheme will cost £1 million a year and will involve the issue of about 300,000 ordinary shares for employees each year.

When an employee has £25 of stock to his credit it will be transferred to his name. He may then either sell it at the ruling market price or retain it in a dividend, of course, it will earn a share of the current rate.

If the dividend is maintained at the present rate it will take about four years for an employee earning £500 a year to accumulate 25 £1 units.

## "WRONG PRINCIPLE"

This scheme has been welcomed in financial circles though not without reservation. The Financial Guardian anticipating the initial reaction of existing stockholders said "in principle it is perhaps wrong that ordinary capital should be 'watered down' in this way and the plan to distribute ordinary stock among workers can only mean more recipients for the Company's earnings."

There are however at least three reasons for believing stockholders will on reflection give their blessing to the scheme.

The chemical industry, of which I.C.I. is by far the most important single component, is the Socialist Party's short list for nationalisation. The raising of 75,000 employees to the status of shareholders may not remove that threat but it will, it is argued, give opponents of nationalisation the support of a considerable body of "inside" opinion if and when the Socialists are in a position to carry it out.

The second reason why stockholders' approval of the scheme should be readily forthcoming has more immediate importance. As the London Financial Times pointed out, profit-sharing is no substitute for good wages and working conditions nor for good relations in industry. But though no panacea it could be a very useful tool in industry.

## INSIGNIFICANT

"In the first place," the paper said, "where there is a basis of mutual trust between workers and management, it is a means (not necessarily the only means) of bringing two sides closer together by profit-sharing is not a direct way of the success of the firm...in the second place such schemes can do much to widen the basis of share ownership in this country and thus create a genuine property-owning democracy."

These arguments won't be lost on the existing I.C.I. shareholders but being for the most part businessmen and human to boot they will probably be even more impressed by the third argument in favour of accepting the scheme—that the effect of "watering down" ordinary capital will be insignificant.

For as "Lex" the Financial Times investment expert observed the 500,000 shares a year that may be involved compare with 140 million which will already be in existence. However, by its nature the growth of the scheme must always be in step with the growth of the business and of the public investors' return.

Both employees and shareholders should therefore welcome the scheme. But interest in it won't be confined to those immediately concerned.

Workers and managements all over the country will study it closely. For though not the first in the field, I.C.I. is the largest concern to embrace co-partnership—and what's good for I.C.I. may be equally good for other companies.

## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Warning On Investment In Britain

London, May 23.

A Treasury economic review said today that industrial investment in Germany and the United States had risen in recent years but had shown little change in Britain.

A monthly "Bulletin for Industry" explained that investment in Britain had been limited by steel shortages, the defence programme and the need to boost engineering exports.

But it warned: "An adequate level of industrial investment is essential to enable us to take advantage of the expanding world market."

It also said that production was running well above last year's figures, which meant a larger consumption of some imported materials.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$292,742.50. Non-quotations and the morning's dealings—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
Bank	1035	45	1080
East Asia	1	0	1025
Indemnities	1	0	1025
Lombard	46	50	96
Union X	835	70	905
Docks, etc.	0	0	0
K. Wharf	0	0	0
President	12	7	19
Wheelock	1	10	11
Land, etc.	0	0	0
H. Hotel	0	0	0
H. Land	0	0	0
Sh. Land	1	2	3
Realty	2	1000	1002
Utilities	24	25	49
Tram	24	25	49
Star Ferry	130	0	130
Light	141	0	141
C. Light	10	10	20
Electric	27	28	55
Telephone	24	0	24
INDUSTRIALS	10	0	10
Stores, etc.	22	240	262
Dairy	11	0	11
Woolen	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0
Yangtze	0	0	0
Yamut	0	0	0

## New York Cotton Market

Cotton futures pulled in two directions this week, with old crop July weakening while new crop months tended higher, in generally quiet dealings.

At Friday's close the list ruled off 40 to up 10 points or down 145 to up 50 cents a bale compared with the preceding week.

Nearly July contracts came under persistent liquidating orders, based on the belief that the heavy producer redemptions out of the Government loan stock, added to the "free" supply, had lessened the chances for the end season supply tightness.

Technicians expressed a theory that the new Liverpool market has been running about a cent a pound under a "true" parity with New York and that theoretically the difference should narrow.

The net stock of 1953 crop cotton still in Government hands totalled 5,723,554 bales, plus 1,693,830 bales from the 1952 crop—United Press.

## US COTTON EXPORTS

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1953-54 season to May 18 were as follows:—

Country	Exports
Britain	1,225,000
Continental	1,225,000
Japan	1,225,000
Other	1,225,000
Total	5,723,554

Same period last year—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local foreign exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Rate	Value
100 dollars per 100 pounds	1.17
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—United Press.

## "Financial Times" Index Passes 150 Mark

# Share Prices Still Rising On London Exchange

From Our Own Correspondent

London, May 23.

After an early bout of profit-taking, the London Stock Exchange staged a good recovery last week and prices continued their steady advance.

Munday's weakness was the result of the gilt-edged market overdiscounted the bank rate reduction. Those who had bought long and undated gilt-edged in the expectation of a quick profit when the authorities made the expected cut decided it was time to get out and prices came tumbling down—in the case of war loan by 17/6 to £87-12-6.

Those industrial shares which were not in demand on specific company news followed the lead. But speculative selling of gilt-edged soon worked itself out and the markets closed the next day on a much firmer note.

On Wednesday—the first day of the new account-buyers returned in force. Many advances occurred among gilt-edged, the biggest being in the long-dated stocks. In the nationalisation group, Electricity 3 per cent and Transport 3 per cent and 4 per cent all put up 6/4.

There were good features in the industrial section too. Stores were a bright spot and General Universal Stores "A" shares jumped smartly to 74/9 while United Drapery put on 1/9 to 64/-.

## VICKERS MOVES UP

Buying of engineering shares in a market short of stock led to a number of useful rises, notably by Vickers which went up 1/8 to 59/0 and Yarrow and Co which sprang 3/4 to 78/-.

Wednesday, too, saw a revival of interest in the oil market and most shares went ahead with Anglo-Iranians up 12/6 to a new peak of £12-2-0 and Ultramares up 4/- to 33/4, well in the lead.

The advance went further on Thursday when gains of up to 3/8 were recorded in the gilt-edged. But it was the equity markets which stole the limelight.

The day's biggest rise was in shares of J. & P. Coats, cotton threadmakers which rose 4/- to 22/6—equal to this year's best—on news of a dividend increase and a one for one scrip issue.

Good dividend news was also responsible for rises of 2/8 and 7/9 respectively in Goudlass Wall, and Jensen & Nicholson in the building materials section.

## PASSED 150 MARK

In the Engineering group, Vickers put on another shilling to 60/9, F. H. Lloyd advanced 1/8 to 72/6 while many other leading shares made gains of up to 1/-.

But Thursday was chiefly notable for the fact that the Financial Times Industrial share index burst through the 150 mark. In fact closed at 150.4, a rise of 7 on the day. It has since gained a full point since last Thursday and now stands no less than 36.5 points above its level of a year ago.

In the oil market, reports of a deadlock in the Persian negotiations caused a drop in Anglo-Iranian shares to £11-17-0 but this brought in large buyers and the shares were finally 2/8 up on the day at £12-5-0. Minus signs reappeared in the oil list on Friday however and Anglo-Iranians closed at £12-1-3. Other oil

shares showed losses of up to 1/-.

But the news that the Hudson's Bay Company had struck oil in one of its Alberta wells caused the shares to sport 4/4 to 110/-.

Other markets closed generally firm with newspapers and allied shares a particularly bright spot on hopes of an increase in the newspaper ration. Daily Mirror shares were up 7/4 to 20/9. In the paper group, Anglo-Newfoundlands jumped 3/4 to 68/9 and shares in W. H. Smith, the newspaper wholesalers, closed 4/4 better.

## Big Stocks Of US Grain For Export

Washington, May 23.

The US Agriculture Department hopes this week to offer corn and other Government-owned grains for export at world prices in another move to unload record-high federal stocks, it was reported today.

One official said arrangements for the programme had already been completed. He said a formal announcement had been held up to allow the State Department to give diplomatic notification to countries likely to be affected.

He said there was no chance that the State Department would veto the reduction in prices for overseas buyers.

At present world price levels are below US domestic prices. Since last November, when Government-owned wheat was placed on sale at world price levels, the Department has gradually added other commodities to the list in an effort to reduce some of its huge surpluses.

The Commodity Credit Corporation currently owns 441,000,000 bushels of corn—about \$21,000,000 worth—and is committed to take another 380,000,000 bushels now under surplus loan. Stocks of oats, barley and rye are not as large.

The Agriculture Department announced last Thursday it would reduce by 15 cents a bushel the price of its maize, barley and rye and would reduce by 10 cents the price of its oats beginning Monday.

Until the change—which will bring American grain prices closer to world price levels—the Department was selling the grains at domestic market prices.—United Press.

## Japanese To Hold Trade Fair In Singapore

Singapore, May 23.

A Japanese trade fair is to be held in October or November this year, it was learned today.

The Japanese trade exhibition is to be preceded by two other trade exhibitions. The first is a trade parade at the end of June at which goods worth \$500,000 are to be displayed. The parade will feature "walking exhibits" when men covered with advertising signs and slogans will stroll around the Great World Amusement Park distributing free samples of the advertised goods.

The trade parade will be followed by a Singapore Trade Fair which is an annual function. One hundred and ten stalls will exhibit the products of many foreign manufacturers.—United Press.

## Bank Of England Statement

London, May 23.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended May 19, reads as follows:—

Item	Value
Notes in circulation	£1,002,100,000
Public deposits	24,000,000
Government securities	23,820,000
Other securities	20,750,000
Receipts	1,010,000
Bank ratio	153.0

—United Press.

## Egypt Bans Imports Of Ceylon's Tea

Colombo, May 23.

The tea trade was taken by surprise by the Egyptian decision to ban the import of Ceylon tea last Wednesday.

This action will cause Ceylon a loss of business estimated at 65 million Rupees a year as Ceylon exported tea to Egypt at the amount of 21 million pounds a year in the past.

It was reported that the Egyptian action was taken as a result of Egypt's trade pact with India, and therefore, viewed as an economic measure.—United Press.

## Record Sales Of Tobacco In Australia

Mareeba, Queensland, May 23.

Australian tobacco auctions set new records this year, it was announced today.

A world-record price of 210 pence a pound for tobacco leaf was paid on the closing day of the auctions today.

The record price was three pence higher than the previous record established last Saturday.

The Secretary of the Tobacco Leaf Marketing Board, Mr P. Martin, said: "The three-day sales totalled over A £400,000. Total income realised in North Queensland sales so far this year amounted to A £1,130,000, a record for the industry."—United Press.

## Increased Sales Of Synthetic Rubber Expected

Washington, May 23.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation estimated today that sales of synthetic rubber in the United States during August 1954 will show an increase of 22 per cent over estimated July sales of 36,000 tons.

The Corporation said August sales will be around 44,000 tons, which is 2,000 tons higher than the agency estimated 30 days ago.

Advance estimates are possible because of the requirement that large purchases be ordered 90 days in advance.

The Corporation said that inventory adjustments by these buyers "may constitute part of the reason for the sharp increase in sales for August."

The Corporation's inventory of GR-S synthetic as of April 30, 1954 was 82,700 long tons. It estimates its production and sales for the next three months (the first figure represents production), are as follows: June 35,800 and 34,500; July 35,000 and 36,000 and August 39,800 and 44,000. (all long tons).—United Press.

## Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, May 23.

The rubber market was uncertain on Saturday and eased off slightly towards the close. Future closings:—

No. 1 rubber per lb.	June	July	Aug.
No. 1 rubber per lb. <td>21.00</td> <td>21.00</td> <td>21.00</td>	21.00	21.00	21.00
No. 2 rubber per lb. <td>20.00</td> <td>20.00</td> <td>20.00</td>	20.00	20.00	20.00
No. 3 rubber per lb. <td>19.00</td> <td>19.00</td> <td>19.00</td>	19.00	19.00	19.00
No. 4 rubber per lb. <td>18.00</td> <td>18.00</td> <td>18.00</td>	18.00	18.00	18.00
No. 5 rubber per lb. <td>17.00</td> <td>17.00</td> <td>17.00</td>	17.00	17.00	17.00
No. 6 rubber per lb. <td>16.00</td> <td>16.00</td> <td>16.00</td>	16.00	16.00	16.00
No. 7 rubber per lb. <td>15.00</td> <td>15.00</td> <td>15.00</td>	15.00	15.00	15.00
No. 8 rubber per lb. <td>14.00</td> <td>14.00</td> <td>14.00</td>	14.00	14.00	14.00
No. 9 rubber per lb. <td>13.00</td> <td>13.00</td> <td>13.00</td>	13.00	13.00	13.00
No. 10 rubber per lb. <td>12.00</td> <td>12.00</td> <td>12.00</td>	12.00	12.00	12.00
No. 11 rubber per lb. <td>11.00</td> <td>11.00</td> <td>11.00</td>	11.00	11.00	11.00
No. 12 rubber per lb. <td>10.00</td> <td>10.00</td> <td>10.00</td>	10.00	10.00	10.00
No. 13 rubber per lb. <td>9.00</td> <td>9.00</td> <td>9.00</td>	9.00	9.00	9.00
No. 14 rubber per lb. <td>8.00</td> <td>8.00</td> <td>8.00</td>	8.00	8.00	8.00
No. 15 rubber per lb. <td>7.00</td> <td>7.00</td> <td>7.00</td>	7.00	7.00	7.00
No. 16 rubber per lb. <td>6.00</td> <td>6.00</td> <td>6.00</td>	6.00	6.00	6.00
No. 17 rubber per lb. <td>5.00</td> <td>5.00</td> <td>5.00&lt;/</td>	5.00	5.00	5.00</



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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### A Case Of Measles

MEASLES, which most children take in their stride, can be an unpleasant illness for adults, and Deborah knew this. So when word reached her at her home in Ireland, that one of her grown-up daughters, the one that lived in Manchester, had gone down with that disease, she told Deborah that she must do.

She packed her 11-year-old boy off to his boarding-school, and bricked made arrangements to go to her daughter's bedside. It seemed at the time the luckiest thing that the call from Manchester should come just when the boy's holidays were over, for he had been still at home. Deborah could hardly have left him. It seemed lucky at the time that things fell out thus, but it cannot seem so to Deborah now.

#### TIME TO SPARE

DEBORAH crossed from Ireland and hurried to Manchester, and there she was told at the hospital that she would have to wait for some days before she could see her daughter.

To pass the time of waiting away, Deborah decided to make an excursion to London. She came down the other day and made at once for the great stores in Oxford Street and Regent Street that were all wonderfully gay with their spring displays. And on her first morning, Deborah met a very fine, respectable woman of 50, married for 23 years, and with a blameless life behind her, discovered in herself a new skill as a shoplifter.

#### THIRD TIME

AT one shop, she stole three hats, and was not seen to take them. At another she took ten handkerchiefs, three pairs of gloves, six bottles of perfume and a hairbrush, two neckties and a comb, two bracelets, a brooch, a pair of sunglasses. And she was not seen to take any of these.

Deborah went to a third shop, and there she stole a bag priced at 5s. 6d. That was her undoing, for this time she was seen to steal.

"Excuse me, madam," a store detective said, as Deborah reached the street, "but that bag."

#### UNLUCKY

"DO you mean to say," asked Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the Marlborough Street magistrate, next morning, "that if she had not taken the bag she would not have been caught?"

"That is so, sir," said the police officer in charge of Deborah's case.

She, from the dock, had pleaded guilty to stealing the bag and asked for her other thefts to be taken into consideration. Now, as the story was told Deborah stood, a big woman, hatless, with grey-streaked hair and a country-woman's complexion, trembling and half sobbing.

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate asked her, sternly.

#### MY FIRST OFFENCE

THE gaoler, acting as amplifier to her whispers, reported: "She says she's very sorry. She doesn't know why she did it. It's her first offence."

"Well, I don't understand this type of case, in spite of 32 years' experience of the law," said Mr Bennett. He sighed, as if in despair of ever discovering what it was that in an instant could turn a good woman into a thief. "One thing is clear," he said. "Our courts have a duty. You must go to prison for one month."

Deborah seemed to freeze where she stood in the dock. The gaoler put an arm about her and took her away, still stiff, erect, expressionless, like a broken-down automaton or a lay figure from some shop's window display. Later, she would comprehend what had happened to her. Later, in a cell at Holloway.

All ships of the Royal Navy and visiting foreign warships in port were dressed overall today on the occasion of Empire Day.

## KOWLOON FIRE

3 Dead: 9 Suffer  
Stab Wounds

A man who has been detained by the Police is believed to have caused the death of a woman and two children and the setting fire of a three-storey Chinese tenement building at 81, Castle Peak Road, Sham-shui-po early this morning.

The Fire Brigade received a call at 4.15 a.m. and five fire appliances and two ambulances were despatched to the scene. The fire was under control by 4.50 and completely extinguished by 6 o'clock.

Division Office V.C. Seymour, assisted by Chinese firemen, succeeded in rescuing one woman and two children from the first floor of the blazing building.

But after the fire had been put out the dead bodies of a woman and two children were found among the debris. Nine residents of the tenement were taken to Kowloon Hospital in ambulances, all suffering from stab wounds believed to have been inflicted by a file.

Seven were later discharged and two detained for further treatment.

Police and the Fire Brigade are investigating the cause of the fire and the wounds sustained by the nine victims.

Police detained a man this morning and he is appearing in the Kowloon Court this afternoon.

## Funeral Of Troopship Engineer

The funeral of Mr H. J. Lawton, MBE, Chief Engineer Officer of the troopship Dunera who died here last Saturday after a month's illness, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning. The Rev. Father P. J. Howatson, SJ, Chaplain Apostleship of the Sea, officiated at the chapel and at the graveside.

The chief mourner was the widow who flew out from England to be with her husband during his illness.

The late Mr Lawton, 53, had been with the P. & O. Company for 30 years and was fourth in seniority of the engineers.

Among those present were Mr and Mrs B. T. Flanagan, Mr and Mrs E. W. S. McGregor, Mr and Mrs F. Wellstead, Lieut-Commander T. W. Harford, representing Commodore A. H. Thorold, OBE, DSO, and the Sea Transport, the Rev. W. J. Haigh-Brown, Mr D. W. Leighton, Mr A. V. Cook, Mr A. F. Sinclair, Mr T. E. Carr, Mr W. P. Cameron, Mr H. Williamson.

Wreaths sent were from his wife, all the family at Home, Alvena, Fraser and Geoffrey Thorold, OBE, DSO, Mr and Mrs B. T. Flanagan, Mr and Mrs E. W. S. McGregor, Managing Directors, P. & O. S.N. Co., London; Mission to Seamen; Hongkong Sea Transport; Captain and Ship's Company; B.I.S.N. Co. Ltd.; Caledonia; Talook Dockyard; MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Hongkong.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, Children's Hour, presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio-Union; 7.00, Prepared by S. K. Lee (Studio); 7.30, Cantonese by Radio-Union; 8.00, News (Recorded); 8.15, Box 200; 8.30, News (Recorded); 8.45, News (Recorded); 9.00, News (Recorded); 9.15, News (Recorded); 9.30, News (Recorded); 9.45, News (Recorded); 10.00, News (Recorded); 10.15, News (Recorded); 10.30, News (Recorded); 10.45, News (Recorded); 11.00, News (Recorded); 11.15, News (Recorded); 11.30, News (Recorded); 11.45, News (Recorded); 12.00, News (Recorded); 12.15, News (Recorded); 12.30, News (Recorded); 12.45, News (Recorded); 1.00, News (Recorded); 1.15, News (Recorded); 1.30, News (Recorded); 1.45, News (Recorded); 2.00, News (Recorded); 2.15, News (Recorded); 2.30, News (Recorded); 2.45, News (Recorded); 3.00, News (Recorded); 3.15, News (Recorded); 3.30, News (Recorded); 3.45, News (Recorded); 4.00, News (Recorded); 4.15, News (Recorded); 4.30, News (Recorded); 4.45, News (Recorded); 5.00, News (Recorded); 5.15, News (Recorded); 5.30, News (Recorded); 5.45, News (Recorded); 6.00, News (Recorded); 6.15, News (Recorded); 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